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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES

1. NAIROBI-BASED AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUE (BUCKINGHAM), FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THIS EMB, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE ETHIOPIAN EMB IN NAIROBI ESTIMATES 8000 ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES, PRIMARILY UPPER CLASS, OLD ORDER FIGURES, HAVE ENTERED KENYA AS REFUGEES SINCE FEB 74. BECAUSE OF FEARS THAT ITS ACCEPTANCE OF ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES MIGHT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, GOK PROCESSES THESE REFUGEES RAPIDLY FOR PLACEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES. EIGHTY PERCENT, HE HAS BEEN TOLD, HAVE GONE TO UK. THE MOST PROMINENT OF THE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE RAS MESFIN SILESHI FAMILY, SOME OF WHOM ARE STILL IN NAIROBI.

2. BUCKINGHAM FEELS THAT THE ABOVE ESTIMATE IS FAR TOO HIGH AND HE CANNOT ACCOUNT FOR ETHIOPIAN EMB'S INFLATED FIGURE WHICH IS CERTAINLY NOT TO GOE'S ADVANTAGE. IT IS BUCKINGHAM'S OPINION THAT SOME OBSERVERS MIGHT CONFUSE THE MUCH MORE NUMEROUS SOMALI REFUGEES WITH ETHIOPIANS SINCE THEY ARE NEARLY

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INDISTINGUISHABLE IN APPEARANCE. BUCKINGHAM ESTIMATED THAT

POSSIBLY 10,000 SOMALI AND ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THEM SOMALIS, ARE CURRENTLY LIVING IN KENYA. UNLIKE THE ETHIOPIANS, THE SOMALI REFUGEES ARE REPORTEDLY BEING ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN KENYA.

3. EMB HAS BEEN RECEIVING SIMILAR REPORTS CONCERNING ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES FOR SOME TIME. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH NAIROBI OR LONDON CAN SUPPLY.  
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